

groups of children including girls and children of weaker sections. Measures are also being undertaken to strengthen the accountability of the schools system towards parents and the community. The Mid-Day Meal Scheme that provides a cooked meal to all children of primary schools and alternative education centres has also helped in checking dropout rates.

Dropout of students

†419. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 31 per cent of students upto V standard, 50 per cent of students upto VIII standard and 63 per cent of students upto X standard leave their studies incomplete in the schools;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the number of students who leave their studies even before completing their XII standard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) In 2003-04, at the national level, the dropout rate is 31.5% at the primary stage (Classes I—V), 52.3% at the elementary stage (Classes I—VIII) and 62.7% at the secondary stage (Classes I—X).

(c) According to the available estimates, 20.4% of the students entering school in class I were enrolled in Class XII in 2003-04. This figure does not include the number of students opting for various technical, vocational and distance education courses after class VIII.

Percentage of school students admitted in higher education

†420. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that only 9 per cent of the total children admitted in schools at primary level in the country get admissions in the institutes of higher education;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

(c) the number of children out of those getting admission in regular colleges; and

(d) the number of students leaving their courses of studies midway out of those admitted into these colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of students in higher education is approximately 10% for the eligible age group of population (18—24 Years) in a given school year.

(c) As per Annual Report of University Grants Commission (UGC) for 2004-05, about 104.84 lakh students got enrolled in all courses. There is overall growth of 5.3% in Students Enrolment in the year 2004-05 in comparison to 2003-04.

(d) No such data is maintained Centrally.

Share of allocation for SSA

†421. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have provided 72 per cent of total funds allocated for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan i.e. Rs. 11000 crores for the use of full year to State Governments during the year 2006-2007 upto September 30, 2006;

(b) if so, the facts thereof alongwith the amount allocated to each of the State Governments separately; and

(c) the amount reported to have been spent by these State Governments upto the said period?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.